

# ACA

## ARIZONA CHARTER ACADEMY



# Our Story...

- ▶ Established 2001
- ▶ K-8, 884 students
- ▶ 24:1 Student to teacher ratio
- ▶ 80+ staff members
- ▶ Title 1 School
- ▶ 78% of student population is free or reduced
- ▶ A-Rated 5 years in a row!
- ▶ A+ School of Excellence- only charter to receive in 2019



# We Live and Operate by Our Values

## ACA Mission

To Empower all students to be responsible, productive and global citizens

## ACA Students Will:

- Apply creative and critical thinking to solve problems
- Display cultural awareness, pride, and respect for themselves and others
- Utilize technology effectively
  - Actively contribute to the community
- Articulate and support viewpoints through written and verbal expression



**GRIT**



**RESULTS**



**EXCELLENCE**



**ACCOUNTABILITY**



**THOUGHTFULNESS**

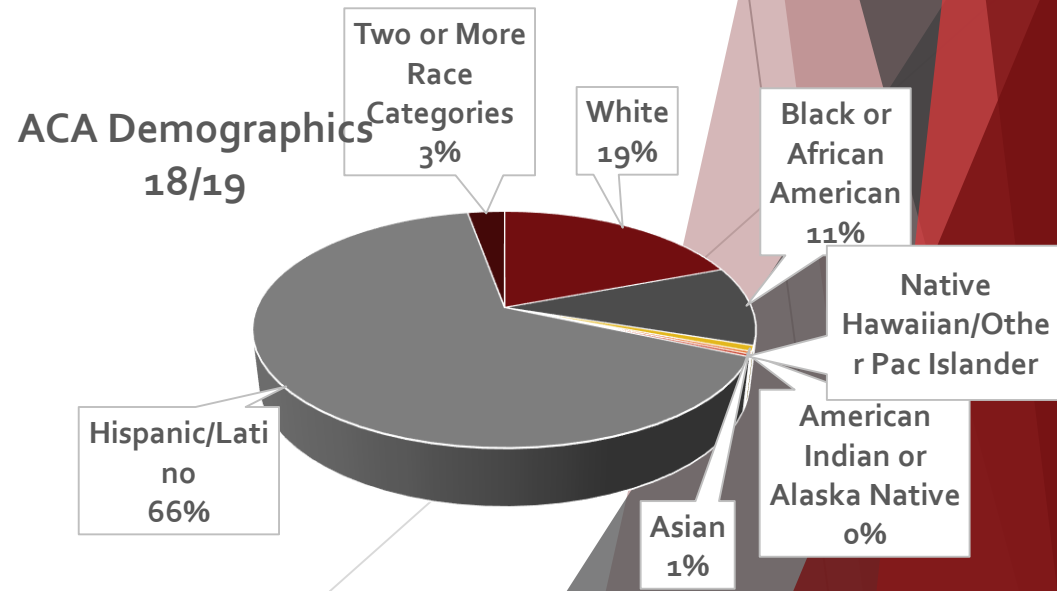
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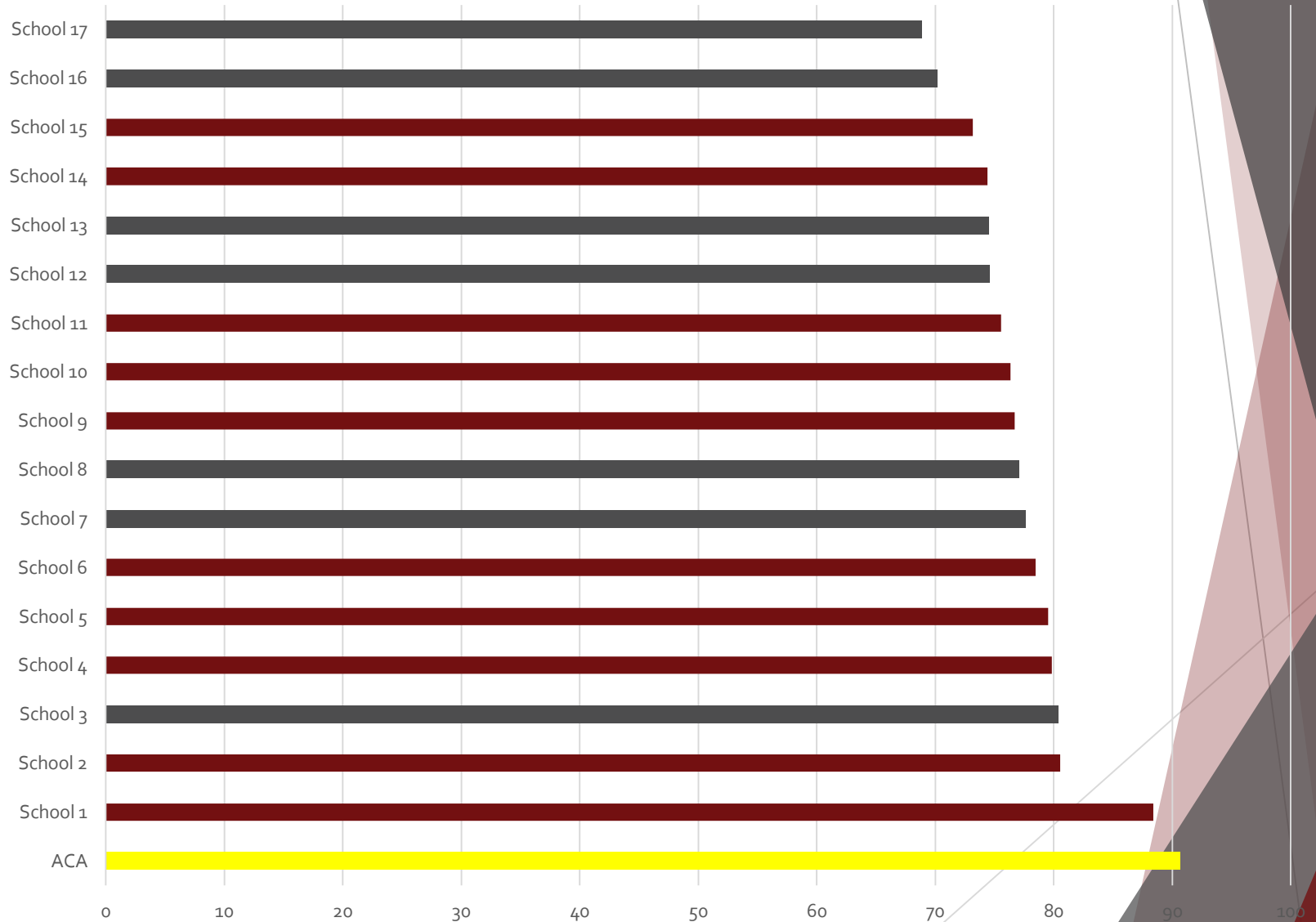
# An Underserved Community

- ▶ El Mirage and the Original Town Site of Surprise
  - ▶ 73% of our Student population comes from these cities
- ▶ El Mirage
  - ▶ 59% minority
  - ▶ 16.9% of families are at or below poverty level
- ▶ OTS
  - ▶ 43% minority
  - ▶ 29.3% of households are at or below poverty level

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**78% Free and**  
**Reduced**

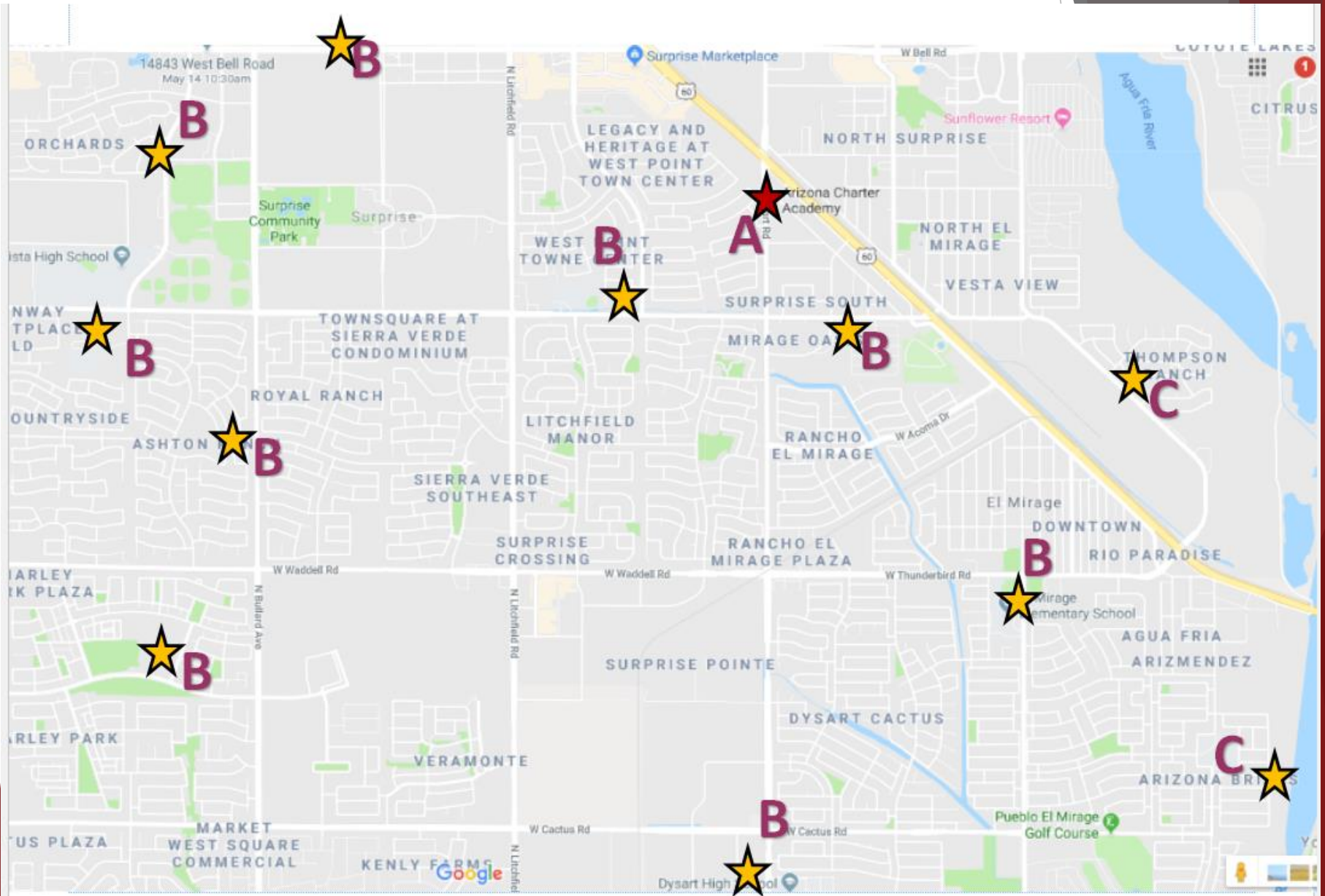


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# We are a Community School!

- ▶ Business Partners
  - ▶ Great Western Bank
  - ▶ Mutual of Omaha
- ▶ Community Group Partners
  - ▶ Surprise Rotary
  - ▶ Surprise Lions
  - ▶ Sun City Elks
- ▶ Government Partners
  - ▶ City of Surprise
  - ▶ City of El Mirage

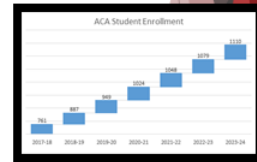


## NEED AND PURPOSE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

**Problem:** ACA cannot accommodate five sections for each grade without additional space  
ACA cannot meet the continued demand of the community additional (we currently have a waiting list in almost every grade) without additional space

### Purpose of Project:

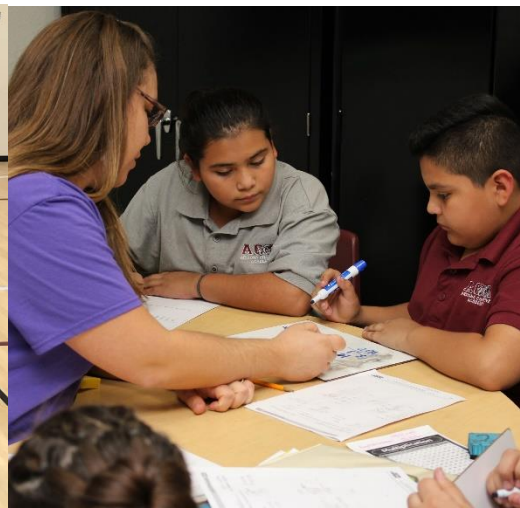
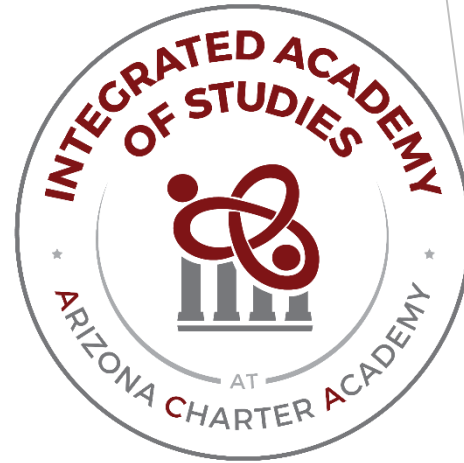
To provide quality education choice to the highest poverty area of Surprise and neighboring city of El Mirage which only has C and B rated schools.





# We Stand Out Above the Rest

- ▶ Integrated Academy of Studies
  - ▶ Electives
- ▶ Fine Arts Program
- ▶ After School Offerings
  - ▶ Tutoring, clubs, sports





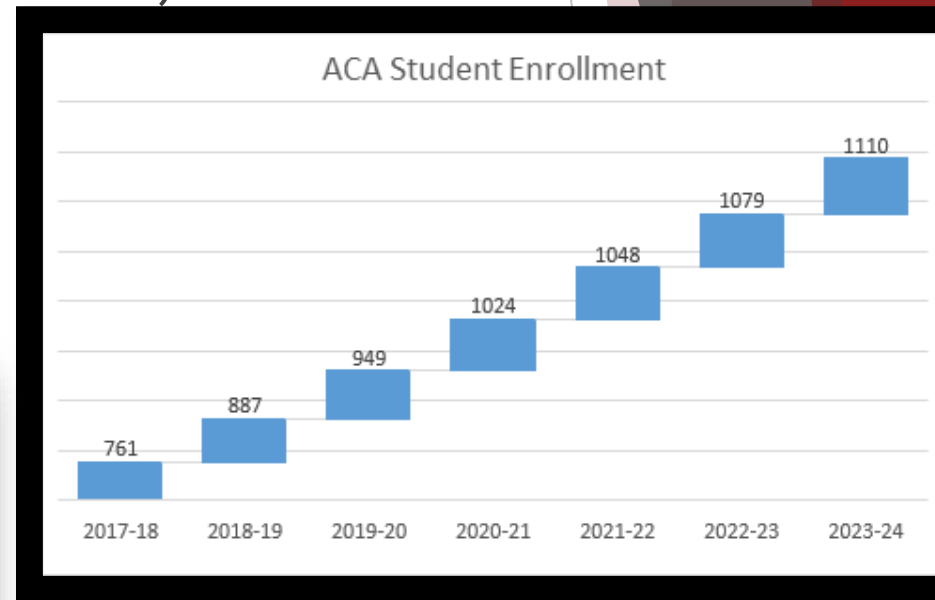
# Financial Performance

- ▶ No financial findings on Annual audits for last 5 years
- ▶ Change in grades served in the 2007-18 school year (Greta approved)
- ▶ This year - \$400k above budget due to performance-based funding and increased students



# Proposed Expansion

- ▶ New building - 12,000 square feet
- ▶ Total project cost all in 13 million
- ▶ Provide room for an additional 200+ students (still waiting on layout from contractor)

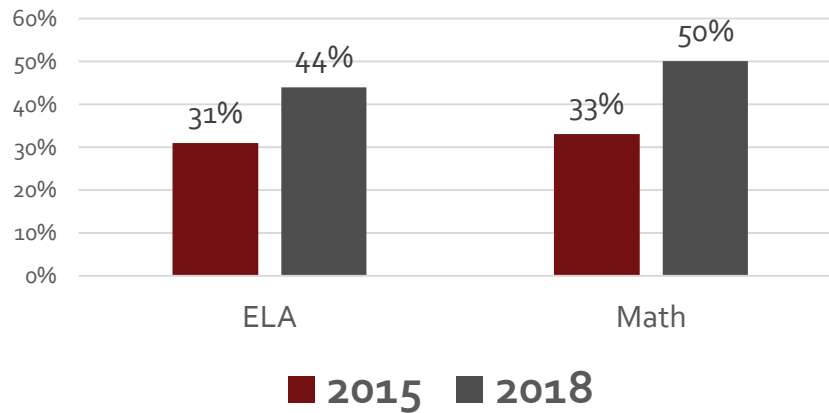


# We Defy Odds Everyday...

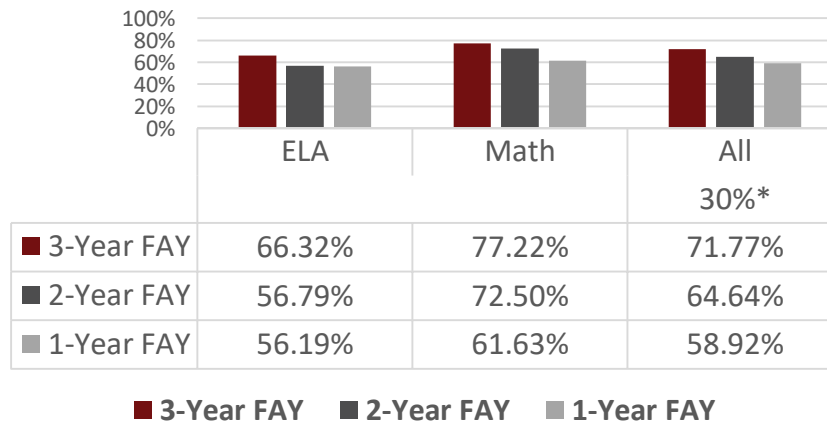
- ▶ Top 10% of schools with 60% or more Free and Reduced
- ▶ Top 15% of ALL schools in Arizona
- ▶ Math beat the state in almost all grades
- ▶ All ELA either tied or beat the state
- ▶ Fewer students in “minimally proficient” compared to the state
- ▶ In Math and ELA, had more students in “High Growth” category than the state.

# Using Data to Drive Decisions

## AzMerit Percent Proficiency 2015 to 2018



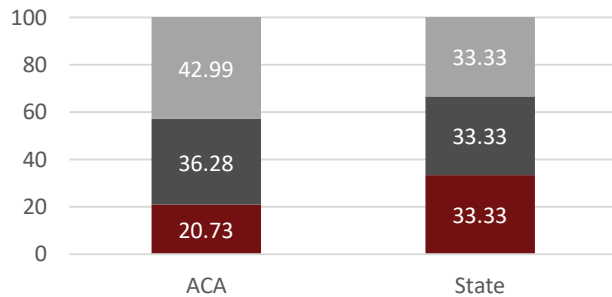
## Stability Proficiency ELA and Math Percent Passing AzMerit 2018





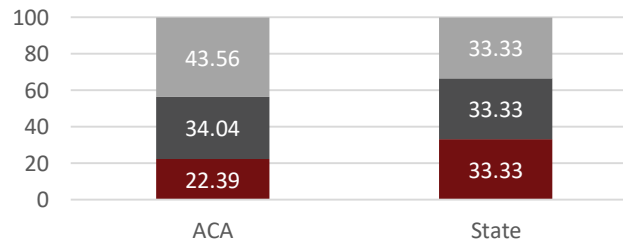
# Closing Gaps

## 2018 Math Student Growth Percentiles AzMerit



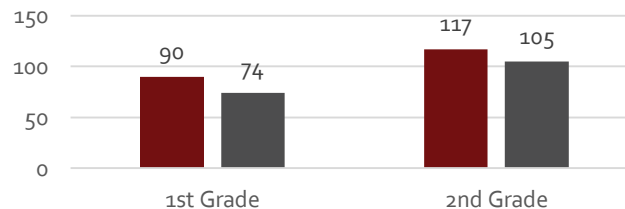
■ Low Growth ■ Average Growth ■ High Growth

## 2018 ELA Student Growth Percentiles AzMerit



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## ACA vs. National Reading Fluency 1st & 2nd Grade



■ ACA ■ National

# Questions?